



EDUCATION CONNECTION

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OUR MISSION

...every child reading by the end of 3rd grade.

OUR CORE VALUES

HUMILITY...

Not needing to know.

CONSISTENCY...

Showing up.

SIMPLICITY...

Believing our model makes a difference

BE INSPIRED

Children should learn that reading is pleasure, not just something that teachers make you do in school.

— Beverly Cleary

THREE STEPS TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER

STEP 1 - Volunteer Registration in App-Garden (Volunteer Tracker) by visiting the Education Connection website at www.education-connection.org. Visit Education Connection's "How To Register" videos for assistance in completing your registration...

New Volunteers - <https://vimeo.com/306204358>

Returning Volunteers - <https://vimeo.com/306027286>

STEP 2 - Complete your district background check. A link to all district background checks can be found on the main page of the Education Connection website www.education-connection.org.

STEP 3 - Complete your Volunteer Commitment Pledge. This can be done online by visiting the Education Connection website www.education-connection.org and clicking the button for Step 3.

TIPS FOR CONNECTING WITH TEACHERS

- Send an email introducing yourself after receiving their information at your Campus Orientation
- Remember teachers are teaching while you pick-up your student(s). Please send them an email or call them after school
- Trust the Teacher's judgement in selecting the students that you are paired to read with

THE EDUCATION CONNECTION MODEL

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2 SESSIONS OF 15 MINUTES OF 1-ON-1 READING

- Child reads from a book sent by the Teacher
- Literacy Partner reads from a book of interest



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COMPREHENSION TIP #1

A good strategy to teach all readers is that instead of just rushing through a passage or chapter, is to pause and generate questions.

COMPREHENSION TIP #2

Students need to use the hints that an author provides in a text. Students may need to look at context clues, that is a word or phrase directly before or after a word they may not know.

COMPREHENSION TIP #3

As they read, students should be encouraged to stop periodically stop their reading and summarize what they have just read.

Tips found at www.thoughtco.com

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Welcome back!

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer. I can't believe it has already come and gone. We've been working diligently to prepare for Education Connection's 10th year serving the elementary schools in the Greater Austin area.

This year we've created several videos to help you with the on boarding process. Several of the videos include How To Register (New Volunteer), How To Register (Returning Volunteer), and How To Connect With Your Teacher.

As we gear up for new school year, I look forward to meeting many of you at the district trainings. I'm excited for all that God has in store for Education Connection and the students we serve!

Take Care,

AMY HAGEN, LMSW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HAVE A QUESTION?

Email us at info@education-connection.org or give us a call at 512-813-5918. We'd love to connect with you and offer our support in any way we can.